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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Appln. No. : 10/038,590 Confirmation No. 1444  
Applicant : Creamer, et al.  
Filed : January 3, 2002  
TC/A.U. : 2157  
Examiner : El Chanti, Hussein A.  
Docket No. : BOC9-2002-0099 (223)

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed September 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this submission.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this submission.

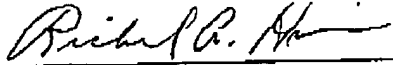
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January 12, 2006  
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